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Sir:

In an office action dated November 18, 2003, the Examiner presented a restriction requirement.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects Group I (claims 1-34) with partial traverse.

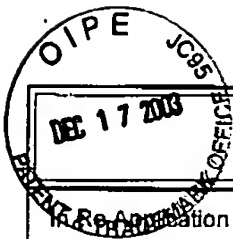
Applicant is of the opinion that groups I and III relate to a single general inventive concept. Claim 14, which was classified in group I, requires an impedance imager apparatus adapted to produce an impedance image of a body tissue, referenced to a reference indicator, and at least one additional imager. Claim 42, which is the only independent claim classified in group III, requires a method of imaging a body tissue by an impedance imager and by an additional imager of a modality different from impedance imaging, comprising acquiring an impedance image, referenced to a reference indicator. The apparatus of independent claim 14 and the method of independent claim 42 are related and classified in the same search areas and therefore should not require different applications. Accordingly, applicant requests that the Examiner examine the claims of groups I and III.

An examination on the merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,
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